## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ming H. Wu Serial No.: 10/609,004		) ) Group Art Unit: 1742 )
For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING SUPERELASTIC BETA TITANIUM ARTICLES AND THE ARTICLES DERIVED THEREFROM		, ) ) )

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated March 13, 2006. A petition to extend the time for reply accompanies this Response and Amendment. In addition, a request for continuing examination accompanies this Response and Amendment. Please amend the Application as follows: